

PSALMS - Psalm 65 God Hears & Answers our Prayers

Read/Reflect

- 1. The psalm begins with praise to God for His holiness and faithfulness. What aspects of God's character are highlighted in vv.1-4?
- 2. How does the imagery of the "sea" and the "mountains" in verse 7 reflect God's authority over all things?
- 3. In vv.9-13, describe how God provides for the earth and its inhabitants. What are some specific examples mentioned in these verses about God's provision?

Explore

- 1. Why do you think David emphasizes God's ability to hear prayers from all over the earth? What does this reveal about who God is?
- 2. The psalmist speaks of being blessed by being brought near to God's presence in v.4. How do you experience God's presence in your life? What does it mean to you to be near to Him, and how does that influence your perspective on life and its challenges?
- 3. What might it look like to trust God's sovereignty in situations where you feel powerless or uncertain?
- 4. How does God's provision for the earth (the harvest, rain, etc.) in Psalm 65 reflect His care for humanity? How does the natural order inspire you to trust in God for His provision in your life?
- 5. Reflect on the imagery of the earth rejoicing (verse 13). In what ways can you allow your life and actions to reflect the joy and celebration that the earth shows in response to God's provision?
- 6. How do you envision God answering your prayers?

Pray/Practice

- What is the one take-away from this study that you could begin to live out this week?
- Reflect on your prayer life and share a time when God has answered your prayer. Or, share a time when
 you prayed for something and you did not receive an answer. How have these experiences shaped your
 prayer life?
- What are some things you are praying for right now? Have each member share with the group and spend time (without hurrying to finish) to pray for everyone.